

Community Involvement in Trails Planning

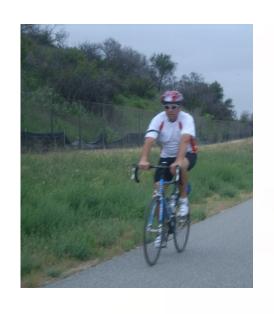
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Project Overview

Purpose & Funding



- Complete County's portion of the proposed 100-mile recreational parkway adjacent to the Santa Ana River
- Complete and Extend the System to Eventually Connect Other Planned Improvements in Riverside & San Bernardino Counties
- Funded by Proposition 84 (2006)

Project Overview Project Area



2 miles between Gypsum Canyon & County boundary; La Palma Avenue/RR to 91 Fwy



"Who's in the Room?"



How To Use Handhelds



My favorite color is . . . ("test" question!)

- 1. Blue
- 2. Green
- 3. Red
- 4. Yellow
- 5. None of the above



What is your age group?

- 1. Under 20 years old
- 2. 20 to 35 years old
- 3. 36 to 50 years old
- 4. 51 to 65 years old
- 5. Over 65 years old





My primary recreational interest/activity is

- 1. Hiking
- 2. Mountain Biking
- 3. Walking/Running/Jogging
- 4. Horseback Riding
- 5. Bicycling
- 6. Other



I use the Santa Ana River bikeway (paved)

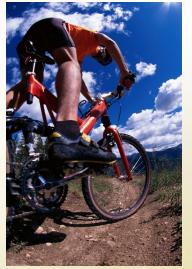
- 1. At least once a week
- 2. One to two times per month
- 3. Once every two to three months
- 4. Once or twice a year
- 5. I've never used the paved bikeway



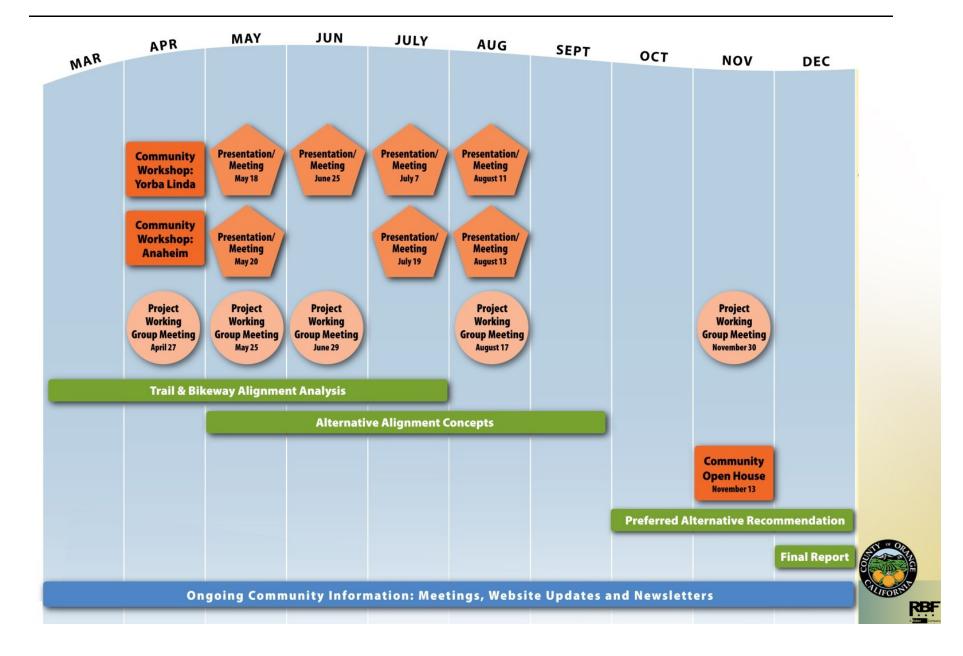
I use the Santa Ana River trail (unpaved)

- 1. At least once a week
- 2. One to two times per month
- 3. Once every two to three months
- 4. Once or twice a year
- 5. I've never used the unpaved trail





Robust Public Outreach Process



Communication Tools

- Branding
- Website
- Newsletters
- Email blasts
- Press releases
- Phone calls
- Letters
- City correspondence
- Flyers posted on trail, area businesses, etc.







Interactive Community Workshops

Hands-on Participation

Yorba Linda Community Center

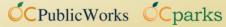
Anaheim Community Center

Villa Del Rio Neighborhood

Participation Tools

- **Post-it Notes**
- Mapping
- Handhelds
- Small Group Breakouts









Community Workshops *Issues & Concerns*

- User conflicts (especially speed)
- Points of entry/connections
- Freeway adjacency
- Railroad adjacency (for horses)
- Crossing the river
- Parking/staging
- Interface with wildlife, preserving natural setting

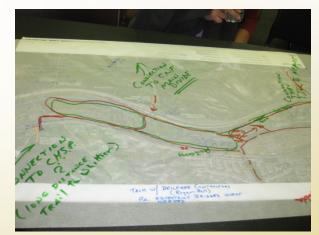




Community Workshops | Ideas & Opportunities

- Connections to other trails and parks
- Streambed/riparian restoration
- Amenities (staging, restrooms, lookouts, interpretation, etc.)
- Separating commuters from recreational users
- Loop trail





Small Group Meetings

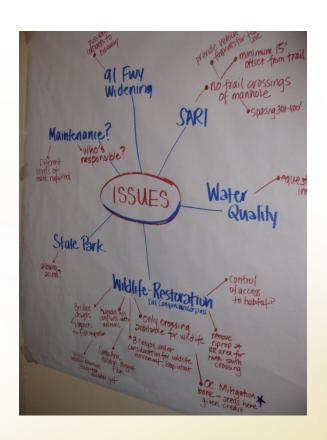
- Villa Del Rio Board of Directors
- City staff from Anaheim and Yorba Linda, and Chino Hills State Park
- Counties of Orange, Riverside,
 San Bernardino, and City of
 Corona
- Yorba Linda Country Riders
- Field Trip with Yorba Linda Country Riders

- Orange County Regional Recreational Trails Advisory Committee (RRTAC)
- BNSF Rail Road
- Round Table Meeting with Resource Agencies
- Riverside County Meeting,
 Reach 9 Phase 2A



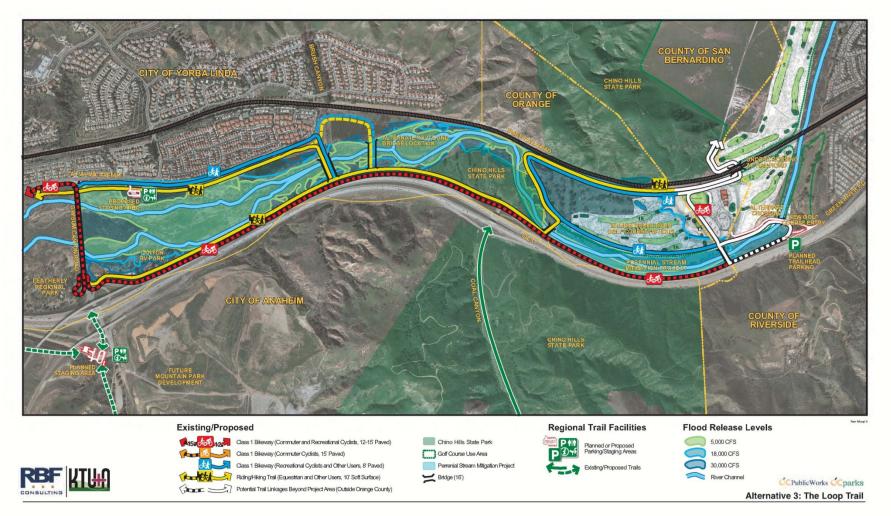
Project Working Group

- Mtg #1 Issues and Opportunities
- Mtg #2 Preliminary Alternatives
- Mtg #3 Evaluate / Refine Alternatives
- Mtg #4 Recommend
 Preferred Alternative
- Mtg #5 Open House Debrief and Preferred Alternative





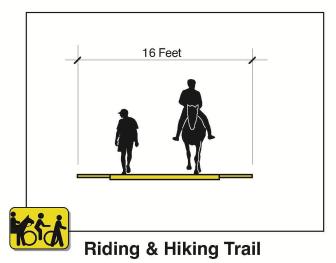
Four Alternatives Developed



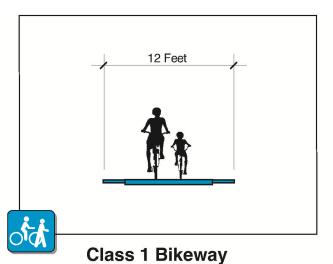




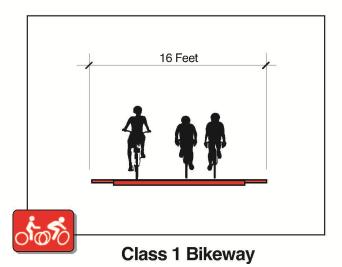
Trail/Bikeway Sections - Illustrated



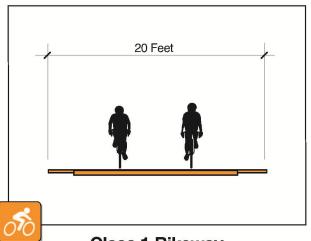
Equestrians and Other Recreational Users (10 ft unpaved + 3 ft unpaved buffers)



Recreational Cyclists and Other Users (8 ft paved + 2 ft paved buffers)



Commuter and Recreational Cyclists (12 ft paved + 2 ft unpaved buffers)

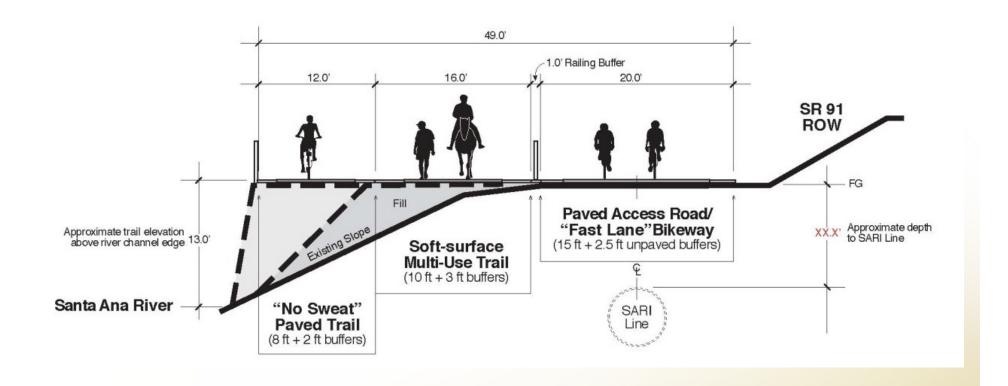


Class 1 Bikeway

Commuter and Fitness Cyclists (15 ft paved + 2.5 ft unpaved buffers)



Trail/Bikeway Section – Illustrated





Evaluation Criteria | 12 Key Goals + Costs

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			1	2	3
		MEASUREMENT UNIT	PARALLEL TRAIL	SPLIT TRAIL	LOOPTR
	OBJECTIVES	Door Not Meet Objective= 0	1	1	2
GOAL 1	1 Accommodate and Appeal to a Valley roviding a Riding and Hiking trail and a Class I Bikeway.	Meets Objective = 1 Exceeds Objective = 2 Limited Access (1-2 points) = 0 Some (3-5 access points) = 1	1	2	2
1. Provide Enjoyable	2 Provide Convenient Public Access points	Many (5+ access points) = 2 None = 0	1	2	2
	1.3 Provide Opportunities to Experience Different Ecological Environments	Some = 1 Extensive = 2 None = 0 Separate in places = 1	0	1	
	1.5 Provide a separate Class I Bikeway for Slower Recreational Bikers where possible.		2	2	
	where possible. 1.6 Separate Riding and Hiking Trails from Class I Bikeways wherever possible.	Significant Separation = 2	5	8	+
Subtotal:	2.1 Provide Riding and Hiking Trail Loops (unpaved) to add variety,	No Loops = 0 One Trail Loop = 1	1	1	-
	and aninyment.	One Bikeway Loop = 1	0	0	
	2.2 Provide Bikeway Loops (paved) to Add Variety, Distance and Enjoyment.	Two or more = 2	1	1	
	2.3 Provide Turnouts for Interpretive Education and Rest Stops alo trail and bikeway.		1	2	
2. Enhance Santa A River Corridor as Passive Recreation	project area.	Adj. & Within Project Area = 2 No Connection = 0 No Connection = 1	1		ı A
Destination	project area. 2.5 Provide a Riding and Hiking trail connection from Yorba Lind. across the river southward that is an alternative to Gypsum Cal Bridge	nyon			as hig Ali

EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY

The goals and objectives became the key evaluation criteria to four alternatives. A matrix was created and a simple point syste objective. The points were either "no or yes" answers (0 or 1 p evaluations such as "low, medium or high" (0, 1 or 2 points). the scores general as the research and data were general. The r alternative will be further analyzed by an in-depth environment the next phase of the study. The August 17th Stakeholders V discussed the evaluation criteria. Based on suggestions from revisions to wording and points were then made which changed (out of 100 points) for the alternatives were (See Appendix D: I

- · Alternative 1 = 87 points
- Alternative 2 = 88 points

4 MULTI-LOOF TRAIL

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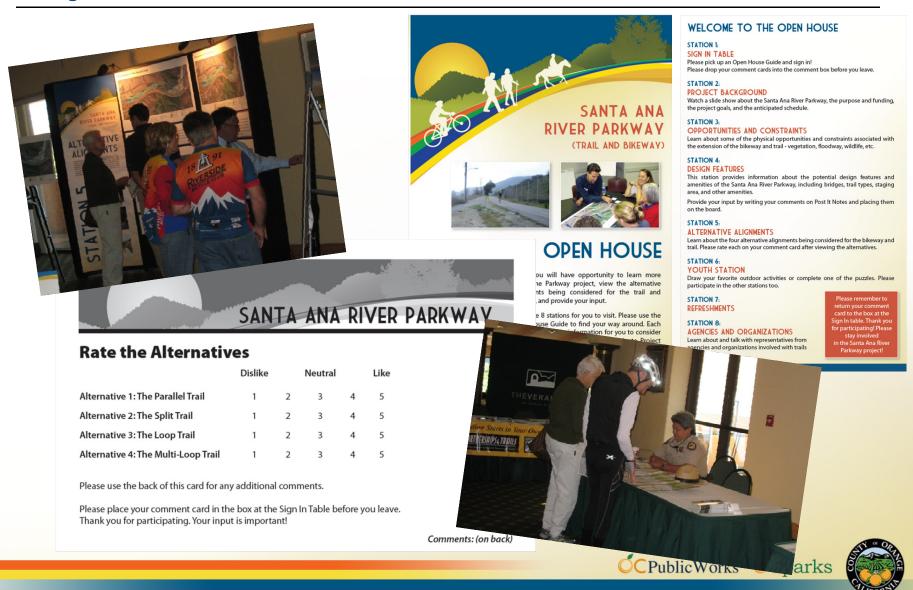
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- Alternative 3 = 87 points
- Alternative 4 = 83 points

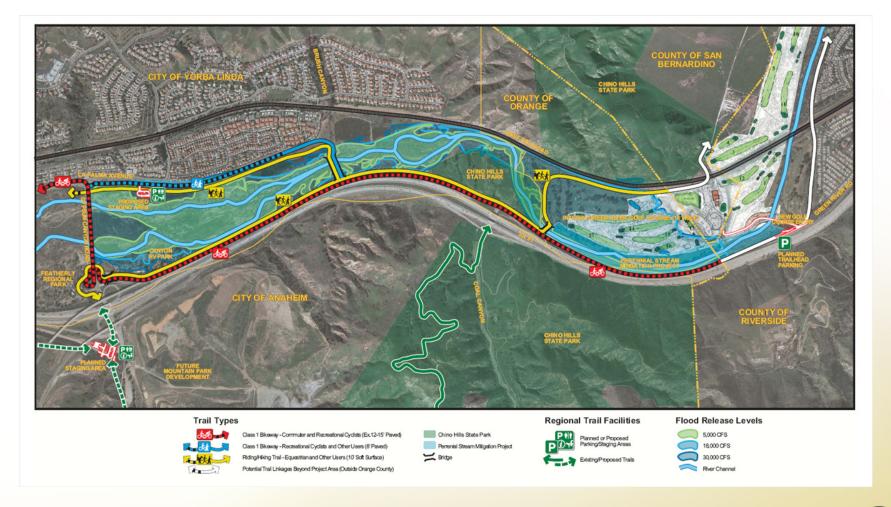
A review of the rankings reveals that the total points received relatively similar, and all of the alternatives generally meet t established for the project. A vote by the stakeholders was also assist in the identification of a preferred alternative. The vote highest, with Alternative 3 getting the next highest number of Alignments Chapter for more information.)



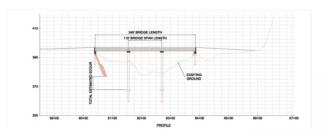
Open House



Preferred Alternative | Hybrid of Alts 2 & 3



Key Recommendations







- Multiple avenues for participation
- Numerous communication strategies
- Information, information . . .
- Transparency
- Make it fun!
- Integrate public input with agency input
- Know how you will use the community's input!!





